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July 5, 2007

RE: LOST HORSE CANYON QUARRY EXPANSION

Hello:


We are writing to voice our opposition to the quarry reactivation and expansion at Lost Horse Canyon.

We've owned our shop for 31 years and we have seen through our customers as well as personally how popular that area has become for rock climbing, hiking and wildlife watching. Lost Horse Canyon has become a destination area for all these groups of outdoor enthusiasts. There are people from the Flathead that regularly drive there because of the quality of rock and the scenery. We keep in touch with Missoula climbers as well as Bitterroot climbers and we hear the same thing - Lost Horse Canyon is a great place to spend time.

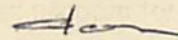
Obviously, if the quarry were reactivated and/or expanded, that would have a huge impact on these user groups. The experience would be very negatively impacted. Numerous climbs would be destroyed or threatened, wildlife would be displaced, and who wants to go recreate in a gravel pit?

Please vote no on any expansion or reactivation of the quarry at Lost Horse Canyon.

Sincerely,



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